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Reconstruction 1865/70

The U.S. Congress established the Freedmen's Bureau. This helped former slaves to build new lives. It started schools and hospitals throughout the South.

The bureau gave out food and clothing to poor people. Helped African Americans to find jobs. Provided some with land to farm. Classes were held

in Churches & even on some plantations
throughout Texas.

Teachers taught reading, writing,
arithmetic and geography

By 1870 About 20,000 Black Texans
had learned to read and write